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April 27, 2023

Honorable Judge Katherine Polk Failla  
United States District Judge  
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York  
40 Foley Square  
New York, NY 10007

### VIA ECF

Re: *Application of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press to Unseal Certain Search Warrant Applications and Related Judicial Documents (18-mc-0320 (KPF))*

Dear Judge Failla:

Petitioner Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press (“Reporters Committee”) and the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York (“Government”) write in response to the Court’s order dated January 31, 2023 (Docket No. 55), directing the submission of a joint status letter regarding the above-captioned case, which is currently stayed through April 28, 2023.

As previously reported, in March 2022, the Clerk’s Office made a presentation to the Government and the Reporters Committee to preview its planned pilot system for electronic filing, and to receive comments from the parties. The parties had the opportunity to ask questions, and neither had any significant concerns with the proposed system. The Clerk’s Office continues to work internally on project development and procedures for the rollout.

Based on conversations with the Clerk’s Office, the parties understand that, although the Clerk’s Office had anticipated being able to begin using the pilot system during the first quarter of this year, they now anticipate launching the pilot during the summer of 2023. This will follow further development and testing, which is ongoing, and after the completion of appropriate training of all court personnel and AUSAs.

Accordingly, the parties respectfully request that the stay in this case be extended until July 28, 2023. The parties will provide a further status update to the Court on or before July 28, 2023, to advise the Court of any developments and/or to seek additional time to continue our discussions.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Katie Townsend*

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